

BRENTWOOD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2010 MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

Convened: 6:10 p.m.

Present: Jeffrey Bryan  
Jane Byrne  
Andrew Artimovich

6:45 p.m. David Menter

The Board met and reviewed payroll, accounts payable, and signed the register. The Board reviewed and signed the recreation register.

Jonathan Ellis was in to present the weekly Treasurer's report.

The Board reviewed the notes:

- The Board members decided they would like to have Town Counsel attend Town Meeting.
- The Selectmen agreed to allow the Girl Scouts to sell cookies at Town Meeting provided the school does not have a policy prohibiting it.
- Artimovich made a motion to award the gas/diesel bid to Difeo. Bryan seconded the motion; Bryan, Artimovich and Byrne voted in favor (Menter absent for vote).
- Artimovich made a motion, seconded by Byrne, to include 1 black & white photo with the Cemetery Report for the Town Report. All voted in favor (Menter absent for vote).
- The Town is in receipt of a bill from Hoyle, Tanner in the amount of \$5,979 for historic documentation by the Preservation Company. They expect more billings until March. The Board would like Hoyle, Tanner called to let them know we have no money budgeted and request that no more work be done until the easement deeds are ironed out. They asked Julie to check the capital reserve fund balance for town bridges.
- Planning Board member John Kennedy inquired about the Selectmen's stance on the petition warrant article to have the Windsor Meadows Condo Assn roads taken over by the Town. Stevens recommended that Bryan meet with Glenn Greenwood, Circuit Rider Planner, as he has done some research on the subject. Bryan said he will do that.

The Board signed the following documents:

- The Election Warrant
- The Town Warrant
- The settlement agreement with Virginia Knutson

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the 2/9/10 meeting. Artimovich made a motion, seconded by Byrne, to approve the minutes as written. Artimovich, Byrne and Menter voted in favor; Bryan abstained.

At 7:00 p.m. Bryan opened the Public Bond Hearing for the Fire Station. Bryan read the warrant article regarding the bond in the amount of \$1,657,700 for the purpose of constructing a new fire station. He then turned the floor over to Fire Chief Kevin Lemoine.

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Lemoine explained that they are presenting the same design as they did last year. The committee spent a lot of time on this last year and feels it is the most cost efficient building, has some green technology with radiant heat in the floors and above average insulation. It meets the needs of the fire department today and well in to the future. Although the design is the same, the price tag is about \$37,300 less. This is primarily due to the fact that the exhaust system was installed in the existing fire station in 2009 and this can be moved to the new fire station. In addition, it is anticipated that the bond rate, which was estimated at 6% last year, will be more in the range of 4.5% this year. A 4.5% bond rate saves almost \$300,000 interest over the life of the bond.

John Ricci, the contractor who has been selected if the warrant article passes, added that there are also some grants out there they believe they'll be able to get: one that would cover half the cost of a generator, which amounts to about \$20,000, and grants through Emergency Management for furniture for approximately \$2,500-\$3,000. In addition, there are some subsidies out there for implementing green technology. The thermal package for the walls has been upgraded from an R19 to an R23, the R value of the roof went from and R38 to R50. The thermal envelope far exceeds requirements. In addition, as far as electricity is concerned, they are all T5 high efficiency ballasts.

Ken Christianson, speaking both as an individual and a member of the Budget Committee, said he thinks we need a fire station. The Budget Committee did vote in favor of a fire station and he thinks it is time that Brentwood got its fire station.

Lemoine pointed out that if the new fire station passes, the present one will be sold and a chunk of the money will go into a capital reserve fund to purchase new apparatus.

After hearing a few more comments and questions from the floor, the public bond hearing adjourned.

Bryan then opened the public hearing for the petition warrant article regarding the adoption of RSA 40:13 (known as SB-2). There was no one present to speak to the warrant article. Lemoine said he'd like to speak against it. He stated that he doesn't know of any towns (departments or Selectmen) in the area that adopted SB-2 that like it.

Bill & Liz Faria commented that at the Cooperative School's deliberative session to discuss a budget of approximately \$50 million, of a possible 23,972 registered voters there were only about 50 people in attendance. Of those 50, only about 7 or 8 did not belong to a committee or board. Bill Faria continued that he feels SB-2 allows for a lot more uninformed voters to vote on the issues; it allows people to vote when they don't even know what they are voting for or against. Faria added that once you adopt SB-2 it is almost impossible to get rid of it.

Charlie Gargaly, resident and Brentwood School Board member, commented that the thing he likes about the Town Meeting is that there are a lot of different people there that can provide a lot of different angles. He said that when he gets there he's not always well versed on the warrant articles that are being addressed but knows that he'll always hear

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all kinds of opinions and lots of questions will be asked and it's a lot easier to make a decision to vote yes or no because he's able to hear both sides. Gargaly added that even if he's gone to the Cooperative Deliberative Session, when he walks into a voting booth he's still unsure what the warrant means and if he should be voting no or yes.

Keith Paul, resident, was in agreement with the others that the traditional Town Meeting is preferred. He believes SB-2 promotes quickie, special interest warrant articles and that you're basing your vote on the way the warrant article is worded without possibly hearing both sides of it.

With no more questions or comments, Bryan closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Lemoine asked the Board if they've had any feedback, positive or negative, about changing the Town Meeting day to Saturday. They responded they have not. Liz Faria asked why they changed it. The Selectmen explained they hope to have greater attendance on a Saturday, the older residents are more apt to come out and the crowd tends to be less rowdy.

At 7:25 p.m. Bryan made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Artimovich; all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Stevens